

Can you tell the difference between Illegal Fireworks and Illegal Explosive Devices? It could save a life!

What is an Illegal Explosive Device?



These improvised devices, contain more than 2 grains (.13 grams) of pyrotechnic charge, and should be considered, and handled like an illegal explosive device.

Illegal explosive devices are often wrongly referred to as fireworks because they look like large firecrackers, but they can have as much explosive power as a ¼ stick of dynamite.

**Do not handle
explosive devices!!**

Review, the “Model plan for safe handling, seizure, and storage of illegal fireworks or explosive devices.”

What kinds of fireworks are illegal in our state?

Firecrackers (top photo) are ¼” x 1 ½” or less and contain less than .13 grams of powder.

Bottle rockets (center photo) are ¼” x 1 ½”, attached to a 12” stick, and their color may vary.

Skyrockets (bottom photo) are ½” inside diameter, attached to a stick for guidance, and contain up to 20 grams of powder.

These fireworks are illegal, except on tribal lands, and cause 90% of all fireworks related fires in Washington State!

Remember, illegal fireworks that are transported in a vehicle or temporarily stored must be securely placed in a **day box**.

